

College Applications FAQs

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Introductions



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Why are we here?

YOU are applying to college – or thinking about it.



















QUESTION 1: What should I do in high school to get ready for college?











Goof off. You'll want to have all the fun you can before you have to do real work in college.











Take a wellrounded curriculum.











Learn time management











Do your best.

Ask for help if you need it.











Visit a college campus, or several.









QUESTION 2: How can I find a college that is the right fit for me?











Where are my friends going?











Size matters.
Small, medium
and large
campuses have
different
opportunities.











Ask, What do I like to study?











Figure out who you are. Then do your research!











How far can I get from my parents?









QUESTION 3:

What matters most on my college application: extracurricular activities or my GPA?











Wait...colleges
care about what I
do in my free
time?











Both extracurricular activities and your academic accomplishments matter.











There is no hierarchy in extracurricular activities.











Extracurricular activities shape your character.











So, if I'm involved in lots of stuff, my GPA doesn't matter, right?











Your grades show whether you're prepared for college.











At IUPUI, grades are more important than tests.











Colleges look at the classes you took, not just your grades.









QUESTION 4: What if my college application requires an essay?











If the application requires an essay, I'm just not going to apply to that college.











IUPUI doesn't require an essay, but....











There's plenty of help available when it comes to college applications – essay or not.











The essay should be personal and describe something that is important to you.









QUESTION 5: What will make my college application stand out?











I'm guessing filling out the application with my glow-in-the-dark, glittery pink gel pen will do the trick.











The three P's will make your application stand out: preparation, performance and personalization.











Your work ethic will make you stand out.











Your attitude will set you apart from the rest.









QUESTIONS FROM YOU Please send in your questions while we remind you of a few other important things...









Deadlines

- Keep track of deadlines.
- Check out CollegeGoWeekIndiana.org for deadlines and other information.









Application Fees

- Some colleges charge application fees to process your application.
- Check out fee waivers: for free/reduced lunch students, during College GO! Week, for students who visit campus, and more.
- Don't be afraid to ask!









THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING and don't forget to visit CollegeGoWeekIndiana.org!





